

REMARKS

Claims 36-53 and new Claims 54 and 55 remain active in the case.

The present invention relates to a method of processing synthetic zeolites.

Claim Amendments

Claims 42-44 have been amended in order to correct the dependencies of the claims.

Claim 44 further has been amended in order to correct the formula of aluminum sulfate.

Claims 46 and 52 have been amended in order to delete the inappropriate position of the term “alumina” from the indicated line of each claim. Claims 52 and 53 have been amended to properly indicate in the last step of each claim that the crystals are extruded, optionally, in a mixture with a binder.

Finally the subject matter of Claim 45 has been repeated in the form of new Claims 54 and 55 which are respectively, dependent on Claims 38 and 39.

None of the amendments introduce new matter into the case or raise new issues. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

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Rule 312 Amendment

It is now believed that the application is in proper condition for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

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